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In re: Goudsmit et al.
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the March 7, 2003 final Office Action issued for the above-identified patent application. Please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 16-21 and 28-31 and 38-44 are pending in this application. In light of the following remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending application and allowance of the pending claims to issue.

Applicants acknowledge the withdrawal of all previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

I. New rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 , first paragraph

The Office Action states that claims 16-21, 28-31 and 38-44 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the

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